# Windsor News

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Dear Residents,

It has been another busy and productive year for the Town of Windsor. Below are some of 2013 accomplishments.

#### **Cooperation with our Neighbors**

Part of the planning, construction and improvement of US Highway 51 included a portion of the project funds being allocated for "Community Sensitive Design" (CSD). CSD's goal is to create public works projects that function safely and efficiently, and are pleasing to both the users and the neighboring communities. WISDOT designers and representatives for the Town of Windsor and Village of DeForest collaborated on the CSD elements of the US Highway 51 project. The enhancements include patterned treatments on the bridge abutments, landscaping along the highway and in the roundabouts, bike/walking path connections and signage. New signage will continue to be utilized throughout Windsor and DeForest providing a consistent, unified image for the area.

#### **Windsor Code of Ordinances**

Windsor staff and officials worked diligently on the codification of the Windsor Code of Ordinances which are the local laws and regulations governing the community. Windsor's Code of Ordinances is now available via a link on our website (www.windsorwi.gov) in a searchable format and in printed form at the Town Hall. This progressive step provides an efficient tool for staff and citizens to search our local ordinances for information such as how many dogs are allowed per household, is there alternate side parking or how soon after a snowfall are you required to clear your sidewalk.

#### **Construction and Building Permits**

Windsor continues to grow at a consistent rate and we are delighted to welcome so many new families to our community. New home construction was slightly higher this past year with the issuance of 52 single family residential permits, 5 duplex residential permits and 2 four-unit residential permits. In addition, 196 general building permits were issued for items such as basement finishes, remodeling, decks, additions, etc.

#### 2013 Subdivision Approvals

Windsor approved new phases in the subdivisions of Windsor Corners (13 lots), Prairie Creek (6 lots), and Holland Fields (16 lots). The expansion of Prairie Creek along the border of Wolf Hollow creates a new access into Prairie Creek through the Wolf Hollow entrance along Windsor Road. A new subdivision, Revere Trails, installed phase 1, which includes 27 lots and is located south of the Terrace Park subdivision. Windsor Crossing residential plat received Dane County approval including zoning this summer.

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, any Board Supervisor or Staff, contact information is available on our website or at the back of this newsletter.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Bob Wipperfurth, Town Chairperson

# US Highway 51 Project Update

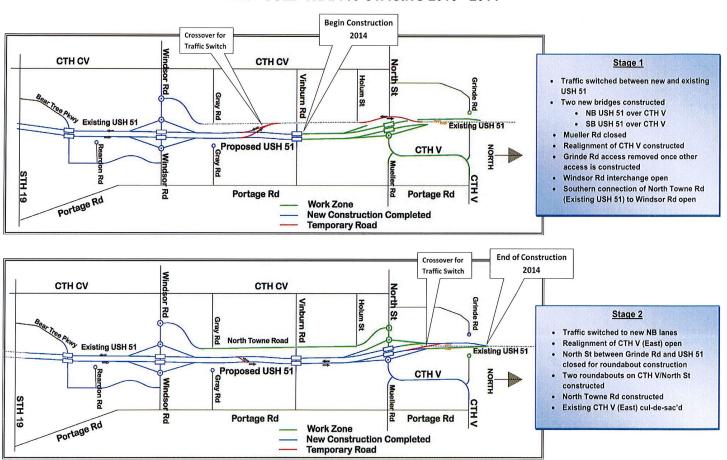
The section of US Highway 51 between Reardon Road and Vinburn Road is complete except for some landscaping and minor work. In 2013, Grinde Road was made into a cul-de-sac and in 2014, CTH V across from Grinde Road will be made into a cul-de-sac after the realignment construction of CTH V is complete.

The current traffic routing will remain in place until approximately June. The only project work that will be undertaken during the winter months is the construction of the bridges at Mueller Road.

In the spring of 2014, the contractor will continue to construct US Highway 51 and the realignment of CTH V between Mueller Road and where CTH V continues east. It is anticipated that the North Street and Mueller Road intersection will be closed during the summer months for the construction of the three roundabouts at the North Street/Mueller Road US Highway 51 interchange. During the closure, Windsor Sports Commons playing fields and the Windsor Town Hall can be accessed by using Vinburn Road or Windsor Road to Portage Road to Mueller Road.

The sequence of construction during 2014 will be northbound US Highway 51 lanes constructed first, and then traffic will be routed on the northbound lanes so that the southbound lanes of US Highway 51 can be constructed. After both the northbound and southbound lanes are open on US Highway 51, Old Highway 51 will be renamed North Towne Road and will be reconstructed. North Towne Road will be the frontage road which parallels US Highway 51. The project is expected to be completed by November 2014.

#### PROPOSED TRAFFIC STAGING 2013 - 2014



http://projects.511wi.gov/c/document\_library/get\_file?uuid=54660ddb-a693-4fa3-9d22-97485c539695&groupId=254817

## Road Improvement and Maintenance Program

During 2013, Windsor maintained over 68 miles of roadway. Town staff visually inspects all of the roadway pavement and assigns a rating of the pavement using the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system. To meet state statute requirements, the Town reports the condition of its pavement every two years using the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR). WISLR provides a format for the road data to assist in the determination of pavement replacement priorities. In addition, the information is utilized to meet the compliance of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34) which mandates reporting the value of local roads as infrastructure assets.

Windsor typically identifies road improvement and repair projects in the Spring after snowfall and plowing activities are complete for the season. At the Annual Town Budget meeting, the amount of funds available for road improvement and repair is voted by the Town Electors in attendance. The 2013 budget was set at \$200,000 and 2014 is set at \$250,000. Allocations from the budget are made for reconstruction which generally entails the installation of new asphalt and maintenance projects such as crack filling, patches, seal coating and gravel shouldering. Seal coating and crack filling can extend the life of pavement by minimizing the area of pavement where water can accumulate and freeze and break up the pavement.

#### 2013 Seal Coating Projects

- \* Old Ameterdam, Low Counties & Rembrandt
- \* Oak Springs, Bridgeman to CTH CV
- Johnson Road
- \* Ihland Road
- \* North Meixner, CTH V to Town Line
- Moe Road
- Martha Lane
- \* Wernick, CTH V to Manthe Road

#### 2013 Road Reconstruction

- \* Fairway Circle
- Meadowwood Circle from South Hill Road to Prairie Place

#### 2013 Miscellaneous Road Repair

- \* Reconstruct approximately 100 feet of Manthe Road over culvert
- Overlay a short section of Vinburn Road, west of CTH V on hill

# Road Right-of-Ways and Encroachments

Road Right-of-Ways in the Town of Windsor may not be used for:

- ⇒ Garbage/Debris
- ⇒ Planting of Crops
- ⇒ Landscaping
- ⇒ Long Term Parking

Should a right-of-way encroachment or violation occur, the property owner will be assessed the charge for proper removal.



#### Long Grass

Lawns, grasses and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels of land which exceed eight inches in length adversely affect public health and safety in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomforting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interfere with the public convenience and adversely affect property values of other land within the Town. For that reason, any nonagricultural lawn, grass or weed on a lot or other parcel of land that exceeds eight inches in length is declared to be a public nuisance, except for property located in a designated floodplain area or wetland area or where the lawn, grass or weed is part of a natural lawn. Natural lawn consists of native grasses and wildflowers that grow up to more than 12 inches in height, but which do not include any allergenic grasses or weeds. Specifically excluded in natural lawns or nature areas are noxious grasses, invasive exotic plants and weeds. (Ordinance 34-54)

#### New Ballot Tabulator

Twenty years ago Dane County communities purchased voting equipment that served us well over the years. These tabulators were state of the art in the late 1980's and were reliable and relatively easy to use at the time. However, they are tired and replacement parts are no longer manufactured. Therefore, every municipality in Dane County, including Windsor, has purchased and implemented a unified vote counting and reporting system that is certified by the Government Accountability Board and will be in use to count your votes in 2014!

Small changes that you may notice when marking your ballot include using an ink pen instead of a marker and filling in an oval instead of connecting an arrow.

In addition, there will be no more loud beeping if you filled out your ballot incorrectly! Instead, a message will quietly appear on the screen indicating that an error has been made. Voters will see a "Thank You" message on the screen after their ballot has been accepted.



#### Flections 2014

- ⇒ Have you recently moved to Windsor?
- ⇒ Have you moved from one address in Windsor to another?
- ⇒ Have you changed your name since you last voted?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, you will need to re-register to vote. Go to our website **www.windsorwi.gov** or use the new MYVOTEWI website **myvote.wi.gov** to print out a registration form. Mail the completed form to our office; see chart below for deadlines. Visit MYVOTEWI to check your voter registration status, find your polling place location, view your voting history or update your voter information. This website also has a frequently asked questions section.

2014 ELECTION DATES	MAIL-IN REGISTRATION CLOSES	REGISTRATION IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CONTINUES UNTIL	ABSENTEE VOTING IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Spring Primary February 18	Wednesday, January 29	Friday, February 14	Monday, February 3 Through Friday, February 14
Spring Election April I	Wednesday, March 12	Friday, March 28	Monday, March 17 Through Friday, March 28
Partisan Primary August 12	Wednesday, July 23	Friday, August 8	Monday, July 28 Through Friday, August 8
General Election November 4	Wednesday, October 15	Friday, October 31	Monday, October 20 Through Friday, October 31

Only voters living in Wards 1, 5-10 will be voting in the February 18, 2014 Primary. That would include all voters who live west of Highway 51 and voters who live south of Windsor Road and west of Portage Road.

Reminder: Assist emergency services by cleaning the snow around your fire hydrants

# Dog License Information

All dog owners in the Town of Windsor must license their dog **each year**; regardless of where you live: single family, duplex, multi-family, farm, etc. Licenses issued after March 31, 2014 will be assessed a \$5 per license late fee. Dogs that are too young to be vaccinated by April 1st are exempt from this late fee.

To apply for a dog license, bring in or mail the fee and a copy of your veterinarian/rabies document showing all current rabies information to the Windsor Town Hall, 4084 Mueller Rd., DeForest, WI 53532. Completed submittals may also be dropped off after hours in the drop box to the right of the main door. In order to receive your tag and documentation, all requests mailed in or dropped off **must be** accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



Make check payable to the Town of Windsor.

Cash and credit cards are not accepted.

Fees:

Spayed or Neutered - \$15

Un-Spayed or Un-Neutered - \$20

The owner or person in charge of an animal is responsible for the removal of solid fecal matter from any roadway, alley, pathway, sidewalk or public and private property (Ordinance 8-30). Please be respectful of others and clean up after your dog. Ordinance 8-24 states that dogs shall be kept tied, enclosed in a proper enclosure or under control on the owner's premises so as not to allow said animal to interfere with the passing public or neighbors. Any animal running at large unlicensed and required by State law or Town ordinance to be licensed shall be seized and impounded by a Town law enforcement officer.

# Facility Rental - DMB Windsor Neighborhood Center

#### **RESERVATIONS:**

Reservations can be made by completing the reservation form on Windsor's website and mailing it to: DMB Windsor Neighborhood Center Reservations, 801 Lincoln Green Road, DeForest, WI 53532. Alternatively, you can telephone or e-mail the contacts below to complete the reservation:

Primary Contact:

Macy Buhler (608) 235-4174 <u>bloomieb@gmail.com</u>

Alternate: Steve Foy (608) 358-6502



4438 Windsor Road, Windsor

FIRST FLOOR CAPACITY: 75 persons

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

(Alternate hours may be arranged at the discretion of management.)

**USER FEES:** Under 2 hours....\$30.00

Under 4 hours....\$35.00

All day.....\$45.00

**SECURITY/DAMAGE DEPOSIT:** All users must provide a security deposit of \$100 payable to the Town of Windsor by check. The security deposit will be returned in full if no damage has occurred and the building is returned in a clean and orderly condition. In the event the building sustains damage or requires cleaning or maintenance, the deposit will be used to cover these expenses.

We're on the web at www.windsorwi.gov

#### Parks

The Park Commission is proud to offer 18 parks in the Windsor community. From biking to walking and baseball to soccer, you can find everything you need to enjoy a day out at one of our local parks. Our new park map is on page 7 and on our website www.windsorwi.gov. The map lists all parks, addresses and details such as shelters, electricity and bathrooms.

The Park Commission works hard to ensure that all parks are safe, clean and maintained. Each year the Commission tours all parks and assesses the needs of each. Improvements can be anything from refreshing bark to repairing ball diamonds or planting new trees. In 2013, new bleachers and picnic tables were also purchased for some of the parks.

Each year the Park Commission sponsors a very successful booster program. If you or your business would like to sponsor a sign at Fireman's Park for the 2014 season, contact Mary at the Town office. This is a great opportunity to support youth sports in your community.





# Reserve Your Park Shelter for the 2014 Season

Are you planning a family reunion, office picnic, birthday party or a special event?

Shelters located in Windsor parks are available for reservation with a \$100 refundable deposit and a \$35 non-refundable daily rental fee. To reserve a shelter, contact the Town Hall.

# Parks Commission Vacancy

The Windsor Town Board is seeking qualified individuals interested in filling three vacancies on the Windsor Park Commission. We are looking for a representative of the Windsor-DeForest Area Baseball League, with preference given to a Town resident, a citizen representative, and a representative of Norski LaCrosse, with preference given to a Town resident.

The Park Commission was established to administer the parks and recreation system, under the direction of the Town Board. The commission responsibilities include determining the care, maintenance and development of Town parks. In addition, the Park Commission will annually submit a proposed budget for its activities for the subsequent year for consideration of the Town Board and will, as necessary, make recommendations to the Town Board on matters pertaining to parks and recreation. The Parks Commission consists of seven citizen members.

Meetings are typically held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Windsor Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Please send a letter of interest along with qualifications to the Windsor Town Hall, attention: Tina Butteris, 4084 Mueller Road, DeForest, WI 53532 - OR - <a href="mailto:tina@windsorwi.gov">tina@windsorwi.gov</a>. The deadline for consideration is Monday, February 17, 2014 at 1 p.m.



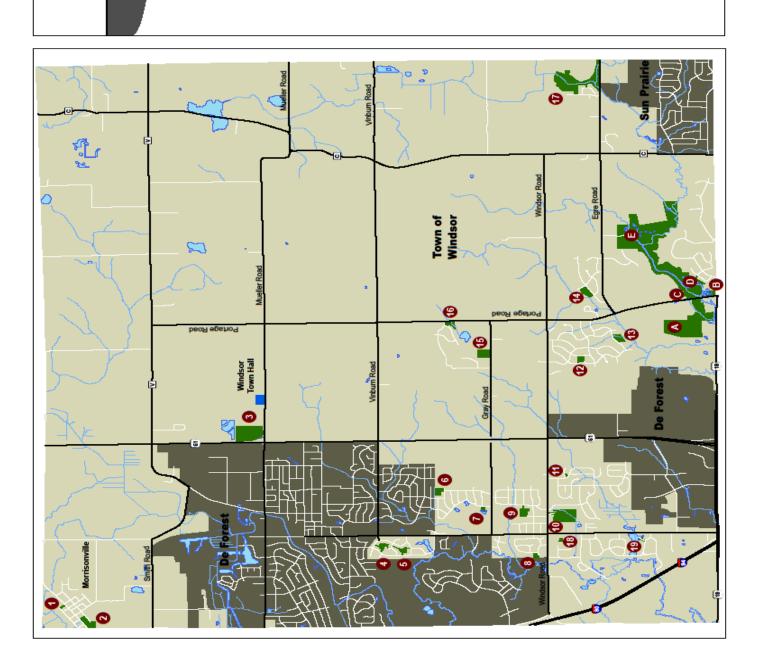
#### Park Commission

Rich Johnson, Chair

Carol Barth Judith Hutchinson Bill Lapp Richard Woodburn

Barbara Ridd







# **PARKS MAP**

# Town of Windsor Parks

- 1 Morrisonville Children's Park 4670 Highway DM
- 3 Windsor Sports Commons 4198 Mueller Rd **⊕**

2 - Morrisonville Ball Park - 4729 Highway DM

**(4)** 

- 4 Oak Springs Park I 4524 Oak Springs Cir
- 5 Oak Springs Park II 4495 Meadowbrook Cir 6 - Cradle Hill Park - 4361 Cradle Hill Dr
  - 7 Old Amsterdam Park 6879 Old Amsterdam
- 8 Bull Run Park 6900 Valiant Dr
- 9 Sunset Meadows Park 6786 Windsor St
- 11 Wolf Hollow Grosbeak Glen Park -4335 Grosbeak Glen
- 12 Terrace Park 6648 Forest Park Dr
- 🔼 🚹 14 Millstone Heights Park 3842 Sunny Wood Dr 13 - Kimberly Way Park - 6540 Kimberly Way
- 15 Windsor Meadows Park 3990 Gray Rd
- 4 17 Windsor Gardens Park 6654 Covered Bridge Trl 16 - Windsor Hill Park - 6955 Portage Rd
- 19 Balsam Bay Parkway 6504 Linden Cir 18 - Traveler Trail Park - 6619 Traveler Trl

# **Token Creek Conservancy**

- A Big Hill 3950 State Highway 19 B - DNR Ponds - 6356 Portage Rd
- C Old Mill Site 6394 Portage Rd
- D Raintree Park 6377 Grossepark Rd

- E Edna & Elmer Culver Conservancy 3667 Egre Rd
- 🖪 Restroom
- 🗖 Portable Restroom - Shelter
- Shelter with Electricity
- July 25, 2013

#### Token Creek Conservancy

The Token Creek Conservancy Committee constructed a new pedestrian bridge at the Portage Road entrance (Old Mill Site) to the Token Creek Conservancy. The bridge allows for a loop trail to the Raintree Conservancy. The bridge is a result of a multiparticipant capital campaign and brings \$50,000 in improvements to the Conservancy.

A major project is underway at the Big Hill Environmental Educational Center. The school forest is being cleared of invasive woody vegetation and selective timber cutting to promote the health of the forest, create a more natural looking environment and improve trails.

An \$8,000 grant was awarded to treat an infestation of Japanese Knotweed at the Elmer and Edna Culver Conservancy which allowed for the purchase of a special herbicide injection gun used to treat stalks individually and minimize any negative impact on the environment.

To help slow the spread of the White Nose Syndrome in Wisconsin bat populations, four new bat houses were erected at the Conservancy . The project was completed by a local Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project.







#### Note Cards for the TCCC

The Token Creek Conservancy Committee has beautiful notecards for sale created by local photographer, Richard Armstrong. Proceeds from the notecard sales support restoration projects in the Token Creek Conservancy. Notecards are sold individually or in a box set of 10 images at the Town Hall office.

## Token Creek Conservancy Committee Vacancy

The Windsor Town Board is seeking a qualified individual interested in filling a vacancy on the **Token Creek Conservancy Committee**.

The Token Creek Conservancy Committee consists of seven members with two members being citizen representatives who have demonstrated interest in the Token Creek Conservancy area. The committee shall, under the direction of the Town Board, develop long range plans for the enhancement, maintenance and protection of the resources of the Conservancy. In addition, the committee will manage, operate and administer the Token Creek Conservancy and administer grants as they pertain to the Conservancy. The committee will also provide an educational role in communicating to the public the importance of the Conservancy. Meetings are generally held monthly.

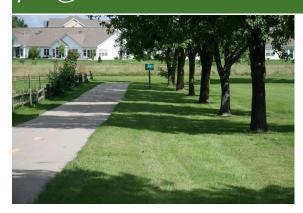
Questions on the committee may be directed to Amy Anderson Schweppe at (608)846-3854 or amy@windsorwi.gov.

Please send a letter of interest along with qualifications to the Windsor Town Hall, attention: Tina Butteris, 4084 Mueller Road, DeForest, WI 53532 - OR - tina@windsorwi.gov. The deadline for consideration is Monday, February 17th, 2014 at 1 p.m.

Town of Windsor Residency Required.



#### Plan Commission



#### Plan Commission Members

Bill LeGore, Chair

Alvin Davis Barry Eichinger Jeff Heisig Kay Hoffman

Beth Trotter Daniel Wendtland

The Plan Commission had another busy year. They reviewed several site plans for new multi-family development in Windsor Corners and Windsor Commons. There were 4 minor land divisions in the rural area of Windsor. Hoffman Valley Estates and Windsor Crossing residential final plats were also approved. The Plan Commission heard testimony regarding Windsor's Mineral Extraction Policy. Changes were recommended to bring the standards for blasting and vibration into alignment with the standards for the State of Wisconsin.

Currently, the Plan Commission is reviewing zoning changes that affect some rural properties zoned as Agriculture Exclusive. These zoning changes are required to comply with current State law regarding farmland preservation zoning districts. These zoning map amendments will bring Windsor's Comprehensive Plan, and in turn Dane County's Comprehensive Plan, into compliance with State law.

#### Chamber of Commerce

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is only 6 months away. Plan your holiday now and volunteer for the area's largest community event of the year! The DeForest Area Chamber of Commerce is in need of volunteers to help with park setup & teardown, clean-up shifts the mornings of July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and bingo volunteers on July 4<sup>th</sup> (must be 18 years old). If you are interested, please contact Lisa Beck at the Chamber office at 608-846-2922 or email dacc1@centurytel.net







Students at Big Hill.

TOKEN CREEK CONSERVANCY



Judith Hutchinson, Chair
Jean Schneider, Vice Chair
Barb Bauer
Paula Brandmeier
Pat Feldman
Monica Smith
Bruce Stravinski

#### Alternate Side Parking

Alternate side parking is required from November 15th to April 15th of each year. **Not just for snow emergencies.** Parking shall be on the even house numbered side of the road between 1:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the even numbered days of the month and on the odd house numbered side of the road on odd numbered days of the month. The odd or even numbered days shall be that day which the car was standing on the street between 1:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. This applies to motor vehicle, trailer, or similar vehicles. Violators will be ticketed. When a snow emergency is declared, all street parking is prohibited.

# Sidewalk Shoveling Requirements

Windsor ordinances require that property owners remove all snow and ice on the sidewalk abutting the premises which they own no later than 12:00 noon of the day after the snow has ceased to fall or accumulate. If ice has formed on any sidewalk, it is the owner's responsibility to sand, salt or otherwise prevent the ice from being dangerous until it can be properly removed. Fines starting at \$20 can be assessed for violations. If the Town needs to clear the sidewalk, you will be charged for the service. Violations may be reported to the Town office.

#### Vision Corner Maintenance

All corner lot property owners are responsible for maintaining their property in such a manner that the view of oncoming traffic at intersections is not obstructed by any vegetation or crop.

# Special Seasonal Open Burning Days

In order to accommodate non-agricultural property owners and residents desiring to collect and dispose of large volumes of leaves from trees on their property, burning will be allowed at the discretion of the Fire Chief, during the times and days specified below.

Noon until 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 27th and Sunday, May 4th.

Noon until 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 19th; October 26th; November 2nd; November 16th.

3 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19th.

# Spring/Fall Brush Pick Up

The Town of Windsor provides Town residents with brush pick up twice a year. All brush must be curbside before 7:00 a.m. Monday morning of pick up week as there is not a scheduled route and due to the volume we will not be able to come back a second time. Brush may be placed curbside no earlier than three weeks before the first day of collection.

2014 Brush Pick Up Weeks:

April 28th - May 2nd and October 20th - October 24th

#### Materials that will be accepted for collection:

- Clean brush stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut ends facing the road
- Tree limbs up to eight inches in diameter and ten feet in length
- Brush piles up to four feet high and ten feet long; limit one pile per household

#### Materials that will not be accepted for collection:

- Root balls and brush mixed with soil
- Vines or leaf piles
- ♦ Shrubs or rocks
- Brush originating from a property other than the household in question
- Brush that has been cut or trimmed by contractors as they are responsible for removing the material
- ♦ Yard waste

Brush may not be collected if the general rules and regulations are not adhered to.



#### Snow Removal

Snow blowing or shoveling snow into Town roads is prohibited by Windsor ordinances and causes problems in our roadways. This also applies to all snow removal contractors.

### Refuse and Recycling

Refuse and recycling collection is provided by Advanced Disposal between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the following pick up schedule:

**MONDAY** refuse and recycling pick up includes residents located EAST of Hwy 51; and residents located WEST of Hwy 51 and SOUTH of Windsor Road. \*\*Exception: Prairie Creek, Wolf Hollow, & Windsor Ridge Subdivisions – Collection on Tuesdays.\*\*

**TUESDAY** refuse and recycling pick up includes residents located WEST of Hwy 51 and NORTH of Windsor Road. \*\*Exception: Includes Prairie Creek, Wolf Hollow & Windsor Ridge Subdivisions.\*\*

If collection falls on a holiday, collection will be on the following business day.

Any collections that have to be cancelled due to inclement weather will be collected on the following business day.

Advance Disposal provides an 18 gallon recycling bin to each household unit. New residents can pick a bin up at the Town office. Solid waste in bags or containers is not to exceed 50 pounds in weight. Each residential unit is allowed a maximum quantity of five (5) bags per week. The household unit shall be responsible for and shall clean up any materials spilled not as a result of contractor collection (i.e. wind, animals). Please contact Advanced Disposal at (608) 251-7878 if you have any questions





# Holidays that Affect Refuse & Recycling Pick Up in 2014

- Memorial Day Monday, May 26th
- Labor Day Monday, September 1st

Note: Pick up will be a day after each scheduled holiday.

#### Town of Windsor Recycling Center

The Town of Windsor Recycling Center at 4035 Mueller Rd. is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Saturday of December through March and every Saturday April through November (for Windsor residents only).

The center accepts the following: grass, leaves, brush, clean wood (free of drywall & insulation), rocks or dirt (small amounts), batteries, oil, tires (charge), metal and engines (gas & oil must be removed).

#### Acceptable bulk items include:

Bathtubs/Sinks Sofas Chairs
Mattress/box springs Toilets Tables
Carpet/padding Drywall Siding
Construction debris Cabinets Doors



#### Flectronic Waste

The Windsor Recycling Center offers electronic waste collection for 2014 on Saturday, September 6th & 13th.

You will be responsible for cleaning your hard drive or removing it.

The Town **cannot** accept: glass, plastic bottles/jugs, insulation, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs or ballasts, appliances with freon, paint, stain or microwave ovens.

#### Hazardous Household Waste

Clean Sweep is a year-round facility located at 7102 US Hwy 12 in Madison at the Dane County landfill (across from the Yahara Hills Golf Course). Clean Sweep is a place to bring hazardous household materials such as:

- Oil based paints
- Ignitables
- Pesticides and poisons

- Paint related products
- Aerosols
- Rechargeable batteries

For a complete list, go to www.danecountycleansweep.com or call (608)838-9555 or (608)243-0368.

# 2014 Property Assessments

The assessment year begins on January 1st of each year.

Currently, the assessor (Equity Appraisal) is reviewing all building permits issued in 2013. If a building project was completed in 2013, the new value will be added to the 2014 assessment. For projects that were started but are not yet completed, the amount of the partial construction will be added to the 2014 assessment roll with the remaining value being added the following year. This is also true for newly constructed homes/businesses. If the home is completed before January 1st, the entire value will be added to the assessment; however, if it is a partially completed project, the value of the completed portion will be added to the 2014 assessment and the balance will be added the following year.



Wisconsin State Statutes require that notice be given to property owners informing them of any change in assessment. Changes can be due to new construction such as finishing a lower level, new garage, decks, etc. or due to demolitions or economic changes. Assessment notices will be mailed in April to every property owner whose assessment changed from the prior year.

The first step in resolving any disputed assessment is to speak directly with the assessor by phone or at Open Book on April 30, 2014 from 4-7 p.m. at the Town Hall. It is very important to speak with the assessor directly as this may result in a simple resolution. If a resolution is not found that meets your satisfaction, you can file objection forms to appear and testify before the Board of Review which is scheduled for May 20, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Questions regarding your assessed value may be directed to Dave or Steve at Equity Appraisal (608) 826-0009.

# Lottery & Gaming Credit

You may claim the Lottery and Gaming Credit for your property taxes if, on January 1, 2014, you were the owner of the property and used the property as your primary residence. You can have only one primary residence. The credit cannot be claimed on business property, rental units, land, garages or other properties that are not your primary residence or by a non-Wisconsin resident.

If the property qualified as your primary residence on January 1, 2014, you may complete and submit a 2014 Lottery and Gaming Credit Claim form (LC-100), which can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website www.revenue.wi.gov.

For additional information about the Lottery and Gaming Credit, contact the Wisconsin Department of Revenue at (608)266-0772 or email lgs@revenue.wi.gov.



#### Collaboration Task Force

#### **Town of Windsor**

Bob Wipperfurth, Alan Buchner and Tina Butteris

#### Village of DeForest

Judd Blau, Paul Blount and Steve Fahlgren

#### Sun Prairie ETZ

Don Madelung, Kay Hoffman and Dean Dopkins

# Community Development Authority (CDA)

The Community Development Authority (CDA) spent most of the year working on the Windsor Crossing Development project. The primary focus was obtaining the final plat approval for the southern residential portion. The CDA, Windsor Plan Commission and the Town Board worked over the summer to get the final plat through the review process at Dane County. With the Highway 51 improvements completed at the intersection at Windsor Road, the project is beginning to draw interest from developers. The CDA is carefully evaluating options as they arise and has included an extensive review with the Town of Windsor's financial consultants.

The Memorandum of Understanding was renewed with the Windsor Boy Scout Troop for the maintenance and management of the DMB Windsor Neighborhood Center. The center was improved with a new sump-pump and dehumidifier.

The CDA is always looking for projects that support the mission of the CDA and promotes local businesses. If you have a project to discuss with the CDA, please contact Kevin Richardson, Executive Director for the CDA, at <a href="kevin@windsorwi.gov">kevin@windsorwi.gov</a> or (608) 846-3854.

### Community Development Authority

Steve Austin, Chair

Alan Buchner Bill Smith

Barry Eichinger Brian Taylor

Tony Hamelink Robert Wipperfurth

A Community Development Authority Façade Improvement Grant Project



# Community Development Authority Vacancy

The Windsor Town Board is seeking a qualified individual interested in filling a vacancy on the **Community Development Authority.** 

The Community Development Authority consists of seven residents, including two Town Board Supervisors, and has the powers, duties and functions of a housing authority and redevelopment authority along with all projects relating to housing, blight eliminations, slum clearance, urban renewal and redevelopment. In addition to other powers, duties and functions relating to community development as are conferred upon it by the Town Board.

The CDA facilitates retention, expansion, and attraction of desirable business and industry to the Town of Windsor. The CDA works with the Town Board and other Town Committees to develop, redevelop or preserve the economic and social assets of the Town.

The CDA typically meets at 5 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall.

Questions on the committee may be directed to Kevin Richardson at (608)846-3854 or kevin@windsorwi.gov.

Please send a letter of interest along with qualifications to the Windsor Town Hall, attention: Tina Butteris, 4084 Mueller Road, DeForest, WI 53532 - OR - tina@windsorwi.gov. The deadline for consideration is Monday, February 17th, 2014 at 1 p.m.

Town of Windsor Residency Required.

### DeForest Area Community and Senior Center

The DeForest Area Community and Senior Center is "the Cornerstone of the Community serving DeForest, Windsor, and Vienna" providing area residents a welcoming place to meet, participate, and volunteer while promoting independence, self-reliance and well being for older adults and their families. The Center is a unique place offering many multi-generational programs and services for our community members and is one of the many outstanding and event-filled Centers in Wisconsin. We invite you to stop in to discover all we have to offer.

We provide confidential information, assistance, and referral services for individuals 60+ years of age. Come meet with our highly trained social workers who can answer your questions about Medicare, Social Security, long-term care, financial benefits, housing options, and care giving tools. You can get assistance with filing your taxes, make an appointment for foot care, arrange for home-delivered meals, pick up medical equipment from our loan closet, or join a support group.



Senior Services



Transportation

Come to the Center to play billiards, watch a movie, join in a woodcarving, card recycling, or craft group, play cards, exercise, join a Zumba Gold class to stay active, get a massage, sign up for a trip, celebrate your birthday, join a book club to learn and be part of a discussion.



Van transportation is available to the Center for lunch, aquatic exercise classes,

Come to volunteer and join community members of all ages who help serve and deliver meals, lead exercise and other activities, fold newsletters, distribute surplus food and contribute in many valuable ways. You can help others by becoming a

shopping, and RSVP drivers can take you to medical appointments.

Exercise Room



Volunteering

The Center is available for use by community groups, businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals during evenings and weekends. Come to the Center to join in the annual Winterfest celebration, attend a Weight Watchers meeting, Diamond Squares dance, DeForest Parks and Recreation classes, or schedule your next special event here.



Community Room

Please come join us, meet staff and volunteers, and have some fun! You can enjoy a cup of coffee while you read the paper or select a good book or movie from our Library for you to take home or watch here. You can stay for a nutritious lunch served by our wonderful volunteers! Be sure to pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter *The Scoop* at the Center and at businesses throughout town, or visit www.thecommunitycornerstone.org to read *The Scoop* on-line and learn about everything that is happening at your Center.

Peer Support volunteer.

# Outside Storage in Residential Neighborhoods

Windsor staff has received numerous complaints regarding outside storage in residential neighborhoods. Windsor ordinances state that "No disassembled, inoperable, unlicensed, junked or wrecked motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors, trailers, machinery, vehicle parts, tires, or appliances, or construction refuse or debris shall be stored outside upon private residential property or unenclosed within a building upon nonresidential property within the Town for a period exceeding ten days unless it is in connection with an authorized business enterprise located in a properly zoned area maintained in such a manner as to not constitute a public nuisance, a threat to public health or safety, or be detrimental to an area's appearance and property values."

#### 2014 Town Office Closures

The Town Office will not be open the following days in 2014:

Monday, May 26th Thursday, November 27th

Friday, July 4th Friday, November 28th

Monday, September 1st Wednesday, December 24th

Thursday, December 25th

#### DeForest Area Fire & EMS

Robert Wipperfurth



#### Half Century Club

Jim Johnston

Bruce Stravinski

#### Commission on Aging

Marian Drake

Jim Johnston

Bruce Stravinski

#### Windsor Town Staff Contact Information

Staff may be reached at 608-846-3854 at the extension listed below or at the e-mail address shown.

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Christine Capstran, Clerk	Ext. 24	christine@windsorwi.gov
Mary Grob, Administrative Assistant	Ext. 17	mary@windsorwi.gov
Sindy Schwenn, Administrative Assistant	Ext. 17	sindy@windsorwi.gov
Lisa Blaesing-LaRue, Administrative Assistant	Ext. 23	lisa@windsorwi.gov
Kevin Richardson, Engineer	Ext. 22	kevin@windsorwi.gov
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Ken Marine, Public Works	Ext. 14	608-576-0447
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Windsor meeting notices, agendas and minutes are posted on the website.



# Email Updates

Windsor has been utilizing email to update residents regarding several items including elections, brush pick up, weather related closings, and road construction.

Sign up is easy! Just go to the Windsor website at www.windsorwi.gov and look for the sign up box as shown below. Enter your email address and click join. Our email listing is confidential and will not be shared.



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